



ALICIA KLEPEIS

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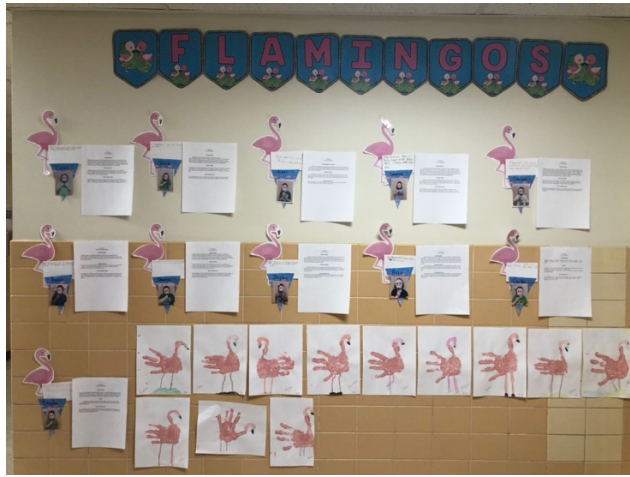
Hello! I'm Alicia Klepeis and I am the author of nearly 200 children's books, most of which are nonfiction. Before I became a writer, I had lots of different jobs: babysitter, shoe salesperson, frozen yogurt maker, emergency roadside service agent, researcher and writer at National Geographic, middle school teacher, and stay-at-home mum to three children. I do love being a writer – learning new things every day and getting to visit schools are the best parts of my job! My first book, *Africa*, came out in 2013 and I've been writing lots of books every year since then. 2023 is an exciting year for me since I have my first National Geographic book coming out (*Go Wild! Frogs*) and my first fiction collection also being released (*Secrets of the Forest: 15 Bedtime Stories Inspired By Nature*). I live with my husband, Peter, in upstate New York.

Nonfiction Is Cool!

As a former teacher, I love visiting schools and sharing the books I've written with kids from Syracuse, New York to Stockholm, Sweden. Coming to your school is something I look forward to. When students are prepared well, an author visit is rewarding and successful for everyone. When students are familiar with some of my writing, it gets them excited and helps to encourage participation during a presentation or workshop.

Here are some suggestions for activities to try before my visit:

- Have students/teachers visit my website <http://aliciaklepeis.com/> to learn more about my books, find activities related to some of them, and discover some fun facts about me.
- Have students come up with questions to ask during a Q&A session. (Writing them down can be helpful 😊)
- Read a book aloud to students or have older kids read some independently.
- Do extension activities for my different books. Some schools have each grade choose one of my books and then fill the hallways with displays related to the various topics (flamingos, superfast cars, rainbows, the rain forest, etc.); Want some specific ideas for more activities I have seen? Feel free to email me and I'll be glad to share some!



SCHOOL VISIT LOGISTICS

Local Visits are those within 50 miles of zip code 13346. **Non-Local Visits** require my honorarium plus travel expenses (transportation and lodging). Please email me for specific fees.

A *half day* includes 2 presentations and is limited to 3 hours at a school.

A *full day* includes 3-5 presentations (depending on length of each) over the course of a whole school day.

Presentation lengths vary between 30-60 minutes, depending on the age and needs of the audience.

Teachers and aides need to be present for presentations. This helps to ensure good behavior and allows for follow-up conversations and activities. *And please, please no cell phone use* during presentations – it distracts me and the students.

Supplies I Need:

- Screen with projection system or Smart Board to connect my computer to
- HDMI cable to connect my computer to projection system
- Internet connection (so my presentations work)
- Water to drink
- Microphone (only if in a large space like a gym or auditorium)
- A couple of display tables to show my books (optional but very nice to have)



